

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-20. (Canceled).

21. (Currently amended) A method of augmenting collagen synthesis and tensile strength of wounds, including the steps of:

directly intracellularly delivering mRNA of a eukaryotic translation initiation factor 4E; ~~initiator~~; and

potentiating an increase in protein synthesis from endogenous cellular mRNA in the wound.

22. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein said potentiating step includes potentiating the increase in protein synthesis of epidermal growth factor from endogenous cellular mRNA in the wound.

23-45. (Canceled).